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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of :
B. J. ROSELLE ET AL. :
Serial No. 09/446,202 : Group Art Unit 1761
Filed December 16, 1999 : Examiner H. Pratt
MICROORGANISM :
REDUCTION METHODS AND :
COMPOSITIONS FOR FOOD :

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 20, 2001 (Paper No. 9), please consider the accompanying remarks. Applicants are submitting a Notice of Appeal herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees, which Applicant believes to be \$110.00 for a one-month extension of time, to Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are in the application.

Applicants submit that all prior rejections have been overcome, except for the rejection discussed as follows.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-21 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murch et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,498,295. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Murch et al. disclose basic cleaning compositions containing toxicologically-acceptable ingredients for cleaning fruits and vegetables. The preferred compositions comprise oleate, alcohol ethoxylates and buffers. Murch et al. disclose that its compositions and processes, especially those that are alkaline, can provide effective disinfectancy. Col. 11, lines 4-10.

